

# THE ACSC FIRST FIFTY PROGRAM

Each year the Air Force Personnel Center designates about 50 senior active duty AF students from the list of ACSC selectees. The selected students report to Maxwell AFB, AL two weeks in advance of the rest of the class. This core group of officers will get a crash course in the ACSC experience, invaluable in helping the remaining 450+ officers in their transition to the classroom and ACSC environment. Briefings outlining curriculum, school policies, Maxwell programs, etc., all serve to help build situational awareness for the group. Additionally, during that two-week period the First Fifty receive training and time to establish the foundational elements of the student governing body, the COMSTAFF.

Our goal is to give you the leg up you need to start the year comfortable and ready to serve. Make no mistake about it, the officers arriving during the First Fifty will set the tone and pace for the entire student body.

## **How will I know if I've been selected as a First Fifty member?**

First Fifty designees will receive an assignment notification 'rip' with an earlier RNLT than the rest of the class. They will also receive a special welcome letter from the 21STUS/CC and the First Fifty Program POC.

## **How long is the First Fifty orientation?**

The orientation typically spans nine duty days. It occurs prior to the arrival of the rest of the ACSC class.

## **What types of activities are involved in the orientation?**

Additionally, a principal objective of the orientation is to select individuals for class-wide student leadership positions and afford them time to prepare for the arrival of the remainder of the student body. The orientation schedule also includes a number of recreational sporting and family-oriented activities.

## **What happens to the First Fifty, following completion of the orientation?**

Forty members of the group will be designated as Flight Commanders. As such they'll be tasked with leading a seminar of 12-13 U.S. and international students during the first semester of the ACSC academic year. Additionally, four officers will be selected as assistant operations officers to lead a division (125 officers). The remaining individuals will perform class-wide student leadership duties such as class president, class vice president, treasurer, technology, administration, social and athletic officers. These leadership positions comprise the COMSTAFF and make class-wide decisions on the goals and budget for the year.

## **What athletic and social activities will First Fifty Orientation participants be involved in?**

Softball and volleyball are the two sports traditionally played during the orientation. The focus isn't so much on competition, as it is social interaction and team building as well as getting to know the international officers. As for social activities, participants can expect a Chaplain's Welcome Luncheon, Senior Student Social, Sports Day, Family Picnic, a Commander's Golf Tournament, and an International Officer Reception. **(Note: You will need your service dress uniform for the International Officer Reception.)**

## **Will there be time for me to house hunt and receive my household goods once the orientation begins?**

Ideally, you'll want to do everything possible to get those activities accomplished prior to the start of the orientation. If you cannot work these activities around the ACSC schedule, contact the First 50 POC at

DSN 493-0415 (Comm: 334-953-0415) and they will work with you to come up with a solution. You are encouraged to bring these issues to our attention as soon as you can.

**What is the UOD during the First Fifty Orientation?**

UOD is ABUs or flight suits. Students will also need the Air Force Service Dress and PT uniform.

**What can I do to make it easier for ACSC to contact me while I'm en route to Maxwell?**

If you have an e-mail address at which you can be contacted while en route, forward it to student services via the contact us link on the ACSC Inbound students page. That way the school can provide you with informational updates and agenda changes.

**What should I do upon arrival in the Montgomery area?**

You will need to report to ACSC bldg 1402 Rm 2226 (Comm: 953-2226/6605) and sign in with a local phone and address. At that time, you will be given a First Fifty Orientation Program binder and other important information.